

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful consideration and favorable treatment of some of the claims, namely claims 3-6, 8-10, 12, 13, 15-18, 20-28 30, 32-36 and 39-45 which were allowed and claims 14, 29 31, 37 and 38 which were objected to and indicated as being allowable if rewritten.

Applicants have canceled rejected claims 2 and 19 and therefore, believe that the only prior art rejection is now moot.

Claim 14 has been rewritten into independent form by including the subject matter of claim 2 and based on the Examiner's comments on the allowability of claim 14, Applicants respectfully contend that amended claim 14 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 29 has been amended to depend from what should be an allowed independent claim 14 and therefore, this claim should be allowed.

Claim 38 has been rewritten into independent form by including the subject matter of claim 2 and based on the Examiner's comments on the allowability of claim 38, Applicants respectfully contend that amended claim 38 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 31 and 37 have been canceled without prejudice.

Since, the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance and does not require further consideration and/or searching by the Examiner, the present amendment should be entered.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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~~Respectfully submitted,~~

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